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OGDEN'S NEW STREET.

The present indications are that Hudson avenue is to be made one of the most attractive centers of business in Ogden.

There are two large buildings in course of construction and soon the company headed by J. T. Hurst, will have its plans well along for the improving of the ground now occupied in part by the Auditorium skating rink.

The Peery Estate is already actively engaged in building on the avenue and likewise the Browning Bros.

When Fred J. Kiesel returns from Europe, he may proceed to carry out his plan of improving his property, extending from the corner of Twenty-fourth street to the Auditorium. He has had under consideration the erecting of a large office building.

The Browning Brothers are considering the advisability of consolidating their land holdings on the east side of the Avenue and building thereon a structure of 100-foot frontage. M. S. Browning, when asked if the building would be two stories, said, "Not less than two stories," which might be interpreted to mean that the Browning brothers are contemplating an improvement of considerable magnitude—perhaps one of the largest business blocks ever erected in Ogden.

With cheap insurance money in sight, following the introductory loan made by the Equitable Life insurance company, and with local money being freely offered for the building up of Hudson Avenue, the future of that thoroughfare is assured, and, furthermore, a most active building campaign is made certain, beginning early next spring.

There is more building in sight now than at any time in twenty years.

THEY ARE UNNERVED.

Further referring to the fact that Salt Lake is a city of empty houses, the Salt Lake Herald-Republican says:

The cold fact is, and the sooner we recognize and correct it the better, Salt Lake has not now the means of livelihood capable of attracting homeseekers. To the man of family who has no capital, who must earn a livelihood for himself and his dear ones by the work of hand or brain, Salt Lake is not holding out the opportunities that she should.

The mistake Salt Lake has made is in bringing about an inflation by following the lead of adventurers. There was no demand for the big buildings erected last year and the year before. The structures went up in response to the schemes of the boomers. Now those buildings are being vacated, just as office buildings in other parts of that city were vacated when it was popular to get into the new structures about a year ago.

But the surprising feature of this disconsolate cry of the Salt Lake Herald-Republican is that those who were so bold and daring in the period of boom, have so completely lost their courage and have fallen so deeply into nervous collapse. The story told by the Salt Lake paper is a pitiful recital of a whole city unnerved by a sudden crumbling of the gew-gaws which so thoroughly pleased and were so exultingly exhibited to everybody who visited that place in the past three years.

The best lesson to be drawn from the wreck and ruin in Salt Lake is that of the danger in an unnatural, false growth, brought about by crafty, unscrupulous boomers. A solid, meritorious, though comparatively slower, advancement, such as Ogden has experienced, carries with it no crisis or reaction, but assures a long-continued progress and a prosperity to be enjoyed by the permanent residents and solid citizens of the community.

Had Salt Lake held to the same policy as that adhered to in Ogden, the Salt Lake Herald-Republican would have been saved the excruciating embarrassment of putting on sack cloth and ashes and dejectedly rehearsing the misfortunes of its people.

O tempora! O mores!

NEW THINGS IN AGRICULTURE.

No branch of the exploratory work of the Agricultural department of the government is more interesting or more promising of good than that of searching out the best in fruits, vegetables, grasses and trees in foreign countries.

Secretary Wilson, in his annual report made public Thursday, says:

"An agricultural explorer of the department has spent the year exploring the plant resources of southwestern Asia. Among the large number of interesting things he has secured is a variety of alfalfa from Erivan, which is said to be longer lived than the Turkish; a species of Medicago from an altitude of over 4,000 feet, which is already being utilized in the work of creating new hybrid alfalfa for the Northwest; a wild almond from the Zafarshan Valley, found growing on the dry mountain sides at an altitude of 6,000 feet; a drought-resistant cherry for home gardens in the Northwest; and a collection of apricots with sweet kernels from Samarkand; the Afghan apple and special varieties of pears for trial in the Gulf states; some remarkable olives, which have withstood zero temperatures and still borne good crops of fruit; late and early varieties of Caucasian peaches for trial in the Southwest; seeds collected in the Caucasus from wild plants of the true Paradise apple, which is used as a dwarf stock for the purpose of obtaining seedlings not infected with crown gall; scions of a newly produced crab apple, reported to be a better keeper than American crab apples; the Slew Abrikose, a variety of apricot with a skin as smooth as that of a nectarine; a remarkable drought-resistant poplar for the Middle West; and a wild strawberry, fruiting at the end of February on the dry calcareous cliffs of the Caucasus.

Our Weber county farmers, particularly the horticulturists, should keep in close touch with this labor of discovery and be among the first to take advantage of new plants or trees that may prove to be adaptable to Utah's climate and soil.

The drought-resistant cherry; the apricots of Samarkand or the Slew Abrikose; the wild strawberry; the new alfalfa, all these should be tested in the soil of this region.

Why not write to our senators or our congressman for further information on these imported products of the soil of Asia?

GENERAL MERRITT.

Almost unnoticed passed the news of the death of Major General Wesley Merritt, which occurred in Washington last Saturday, but he was one of the very brilliant soldiers of our army, holding the perfect faith of all the old commanders whom he served under, and winning

all his promotions for conspicuous and splendid service on the battlefield, says the Salt Lake Telegram. He was of the same class of soldiers as Custer, Creek and Sheridan himself in his younger days. He came out of West Point a second lieutenant in 1860, so he was in the great war from the first, and where soldiers were needed he was always present. His last service was in command of the army in the Philippines. He took Manila, the fleet of Admiral Dewey thundering from the bay outside the city. He was retired at 64. The last ten years he has been a resident of Washington, D. C., and he died at some of the Virginia springs. He was a most brave and accomplished soldier. For forty years he wore the uniform and gave his best service to his country, offering his life a thousand times in its defense. We hope they have smoothed his final couch beside those of the gallant men he served with, and that his final sleep will be that of "the brave who sink to rest, with all their country's honors blest."

JIM HILL NOT SO HOPEFUL.

President James J. Hill, the railway magnate, who is a Democrat but with peculiar standpat leanings of his own, has been to make a call on President Taft. Just what he said to the president is not known, as both he and Mr. Taft can hold their peace, but what he said to others at Washington is no secret.

He did not want to be pessimistic, but he could not conceal his fear that things are not going to continue to boom in the same way that they have. The recent elections, he says, make it plain that a turning-point in our political history is being reached. Party lines will cease to be as tightly drawn as they have been. Citizens have found that they can think and act independently and they will continue to do so.

The demagog and agitator have been having a long inning, and now they will have their rebuke, he thinks. The laboring man has shown that he cannot be bought and sold or hoodwinked, and the negro, too, has proved that he has a mind of his own. Hereafter the politician who is tempted to "attack everything and everybody in sight" will pause, he declares. Perhaps.

Mr. Hill in a later interview is more specific. The American people are too easy-going, he says. They think a good thing is to last always, and they work it to the limit. They have been spending money altogether too freely, and now they must submit to a liquidation, to a readjustment.

Meantime, many of the factories, etc., must close down, as a result of the decreased demand for products of every sort. Taking his own business as an example, his road has ordered only 70,000 tons of new rails in comparison with 245,000 last year, 3,000 new freight cars instead of 11,000, and 20 new engines in place of 300. Conditions are the same in other lines, he says, and the people must stand the consequences.

Too much money has gone into non-productive undertakings, too much into mere adornments; now the bills are coming in and must be paid. President Hill has been issuing warnings of this sort for some time. Now warnings will no longer be of any avail, he says, for a period of hard times is unavoidable.

JUST FOR FUN

Wouldn't Help Him.

The necessity for getting money was illustrated by Booker Washington in one of his recent speeches by the story of the old colored man at the ferry. A white man came along and said to him: "Uncle, lend me 3 cents to get across the river."

"The colored man looked at him and said: 'Look here, boss, you look like a white man and I suppose you is, but I ain't going to lend you no 3 cents today. Let me tell you another thing boss; the man that ain't got no money is just as well off on one side of the river as on the other.'—Boston Transcript.

Missed Him.

"When I was in Europe this summer," said Gayman, trying to entertain the minister, "I got quite interested in some of them old churches."

"Indeed?" responded the Reverend Mr. Gassaway. "I suppose you know St. Paul's in London?"

"No! You don't tell me! What hotel he stopping at?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

Tired of It.

"I'm tired of hiring good-looking

stenographers. I'm going to get the homeliest one I can find hereafter. "What's the trouble?"

"I've had eight good-looking ones in two years, and they all quit to get married after they'd stayed just long enough to string me for a wedding present."—Detroit Free Press.

No Wonder She Pouted.

"I am disappointed," pouted the young lady with the pink parasol. "Why so?" asked the anxious young man, looking over his nose plinchers.

"Why, I expected when I came down here to see some aeroplanes, and all I've seen is a monoplane and a biplane."—Boston Herald.

Their Decision.

"Is it customary to return a fellow's presents after you have broken with him?"

"Yes, if you think that the next fellow would object to seeing them 'round."—Boston Herald.

The Law of Compensation.

Beware the sly financial trick. That's worked by mail or ticker. When one man really gets rich quick, A lot get poor much quicker. —Washington Star.

Not Hampered.

"Fourteen killed and forty injured during the football season."

"Then the new rules didn't hurt the game, after all."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Never Touched Him.

"Want to go to the theater tonight?"

"I have nothing to wear," said his wife, pointedly.

"Then we'll go to one of these moving picture shows where it's dark."—Kansas City Journal.

BANK CASHIER CONFESSES THEFT

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Erwin J. Wider told the district attorney today what became of the missing \$240,000 of the \$640,000 which he confessed having stolen from the New York branch of the Russo-Chinese bank while cashier.

After his arrest in July, he accounted for all the money except \$250,000 and pleading guilty, has asked several times to be sentenced. But the district attorney, hoping to trace the unaccounted-for funds, had Wider held under sentence.

Today upon the advice of counsel, Wider decided to confess in the hope of a light sentence. The confession probably will be made public Saturday.

ALDRICH FAVORS CURRENCY REFORM

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—"The need for currency reform" was discussed by Senator Aldrich, chairman of the National Monetary commission; Senator Burton, member of the commission, assistant treasurer and former secretary of the commission, and Director Roberts of the mint at a special session of the American Academy of Political and Social Science here tonight.

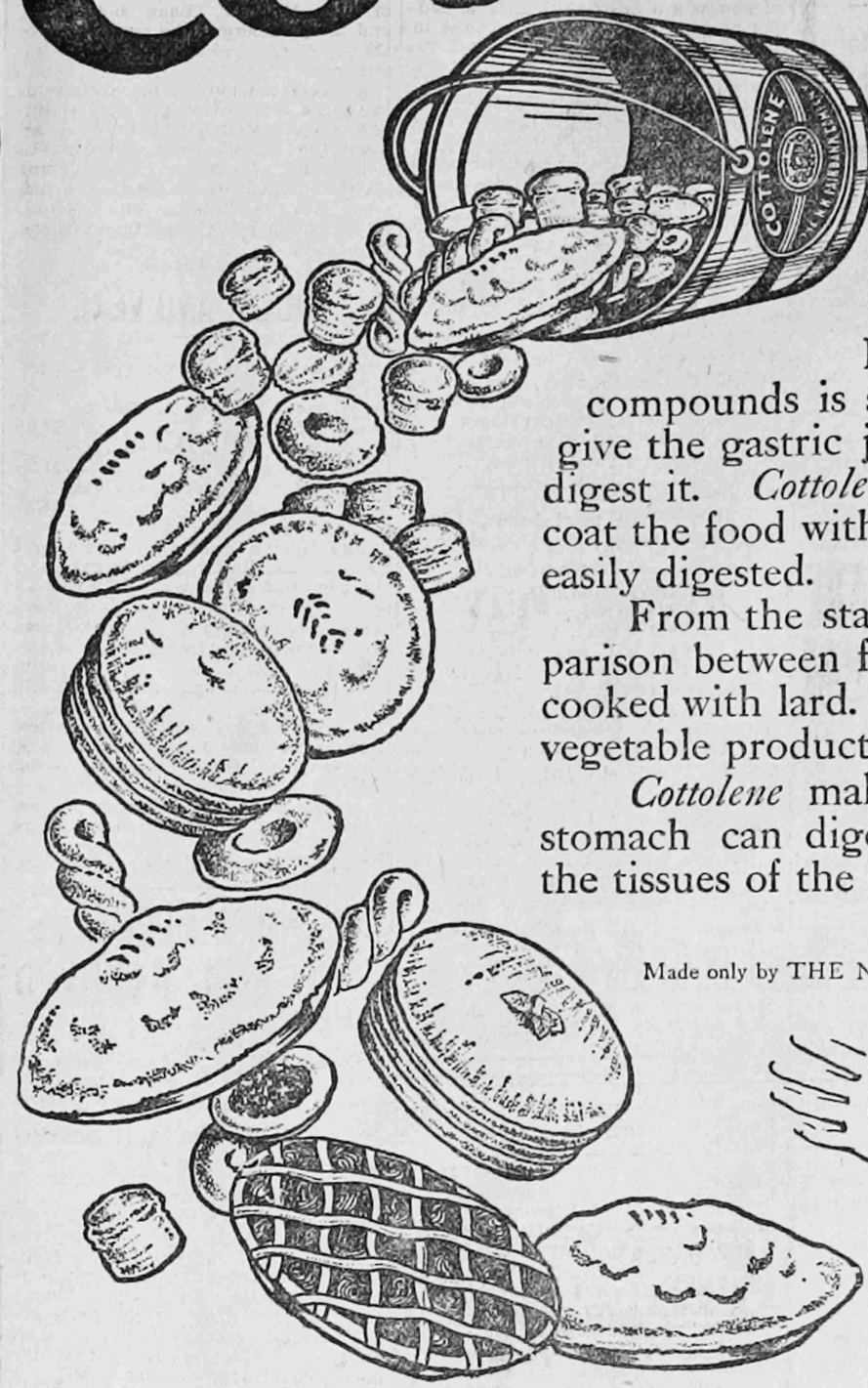
Senator Aldrich declares that in his opinion the reform of the present banking system was the most important work now before the commission. The currency problem would adjust itself, he said, when the banking system was taken care of.

He said many methods prescribed by law for the control of national banks had become obsolete, and "the

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Men's Felt Boots and Rubbers complete		\$2.98		Our Shoe and Hat Sale is on a few days longer.	
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HARMON CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, called at the White House today to pay his respects to President Taft. He stopped only a few minutes, but both he and the president seemed to enjoy the visit. Governor Harmon was greeted most

cordially. Two stories of the campaign were exchanged, but neither story was divulged.

When Governor Harmon visited the White House during the conference of governors last year he was asked if he liked the looks of the place. He replied at that time that was that a man should always consult his wife before taking a lease on any place of abode. Today the governor declared that the nice white paint and the subdued green walls of the executive offices were most attractive. "I never saw the president look finer or in better spirits," he declared. "It is always a pleasure to have a chat with him."

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